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INFO Action No. 10/7-250-57

**SUBJECT: Project ANTLAS**

**1. PURPOSE**

To foster the pro-Western orientation of people in the target area and to harass the Soviet regime in the area.

**2. DISCUSSION**

a. Available evidence indicates that the people of the target area bitterly resent Soviet political and economic oppression, and, still harbor hopes of eventual liberation. It is believed that these attitudes may be exploited by US broadcasts to the target area.

b. In 1955, several former residents of the target area initiated a broadcasting program to their homeland through radio facilities of the host country. Subsequently, control of this program was relinquished to a cultural cover organization of the Agency in return for financial and other support. To date, guidance in expanding and improving the program has been rendered and funded, on a developmental basis, through the cover organization.

c. Project ANTLAS requests funds in the amount of C ] for FY 1957 in order to provide for field equipment of a qualified writer-cummer, salaries of the principal agent and field consultants, and provision of miscellaneous other support. Funds for the FY 1957 allocation are available within the SD Division's current budget, and the Comptroller has been advised accordingly. In addition, the project requests authority for FY 1958 renewal in the amount of C ], subject to the availability of FY 1958 funds. The project will be included in the SD Division Operational Program for FY 1958 in the amount of C ].

**3. REQUEST**

It is proposed that Project ANTLAS be authorized (a) in the amount of \$10,000 for FY 1957 for the purposes stated above, and, (b) for renewal in FY 1958 in the amount of \$12,000 subject to the availability of FY 1958 funds.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Deputy Director (Plans) approve Project  
AEFLAG as proposed.

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**12 APR 1957**

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**/S/ Richard Helms  
For**

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